

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER #NM-030-08-01, EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2008 STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS DUE TO EXTREME FIRE DANGER BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, LAS CRUCES DISTRICT OFFICE

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2, because of continued very high to extreme fire hazard conditions, the following acts are prohibited on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered public land within the Las Cruces District Office area of New Mexico, until further notice. This includes BLM administered public land in Otero, Luna, Dona Ana, Sierra, Grant, and Hildago counties.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove, except inside established campfire rings and grills within the Aguirre Springs Campground, La Cueva Picnic Area and Three Rivers Petroglyph and Picnic Area. The use of petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices that meet Fire Underwriters' Laboratories specifications is allowed.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
3. Possessing or discharging fireworks or using an explosive requiring fuse blasting caps.
4. Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrester and without a chemically pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel. The extinguisher will be with the equipment operator. The shovel may be kept with fueling supplies but readily available for use.
5. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials at least 10 feet on all sides from equipment.

The restrictions are necessary due to the extreme fire danger from prolonged dry weather conditions.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2(a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both.

Questions regarding this order should be addressed to the BLM Fire Management Officer, Steve Bumgarner, at (505) 525-4305 or the Las Cruces District Office at (505) 525-4300.

Done at Las Cruces, New Mexico, the 4th day of April, 2008.

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